

HOUSE RESOLUTION 162

By McCord

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cait McMahan, member of the 2007 National Champion University of Tennessee Lady Vols women's basketball team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful collegiate athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Cait McMahan is one such exemplary young athlete who has made her family, her hometown of Maryville, and her State proud through her accomplishments with the University of Tennessee (UT) Lady Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, this UT freshman is a valuable member of the school's women's basketball team, for which she plays guard, that recently defeated Rutgers for the NCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the first player from Heritage High School to become a Lady Vol, Ms. McMahan had a stellar athletic record long before joining the UT women's basketball team; among many other major achievements, she holds Heritage High School records for most points in a career, most points in a single game, and total assists; and

WHEREAS, being a part of this championship team is a special triumph for Ms. McMahan; a perennial All-Star and a consensus All-American her senior year at Heritage, she battled knee injury and watched her team narrowly lose championship opportunities in high school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan's persevering spirit is a special tribute to her mother, Teresa McMahan; as Teresa fights cancer, Cait persists in her devotion to her team with "Strong Like Mom" stenciled on her shoes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan is also grateful for the love and support she has received from her father, Earl McMahan, and the continuing encouragement of her Heritage coach, Rick Howard; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan has served as an indispensable mainstay of the Lady Vols' superb team structure; her superior athleticism and unfailing enthusiasm are essential to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan is known not only as a great athlete, but also as a dedicated student and a young woman of personal integrity; she maintained a 4.2 GPA at Heritage and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a D.A.R.E. Role Model, and an active member of her church praise team; and

WHEREAS, Cait McMahan epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Lady Vol Cait McMahan for her many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.